

## 8B SONG Holiday Romance 4 35 MP3

- a Look at the list of verbs. Which are regular? Read the lyrics and try to complete them with the past forms of the verbs.

act catch confirm do fall have hold meet pack paddle pluck reach sit walk

### Holiday Romance

I <sup>1</sup> had a break for a week  
 So I booked my seat  
 And <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a reservation  
 At a quiet little seaside hotel  
 I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my bags  
 And I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my train and  
<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my destination  
 Just in time for the dinner gong: ding-dong  
 Then I saw Lavinia  
 Standing at the bottom of the stairs  
 And I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for Lavinia  
 The moment that I saw her standing there  
  
 Lavinia looked so divine  
 As she walked up to the table to dine  
 And then Lavinia's eyes <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ mine  
  
 I thought, can this be love?  
 Can this be lovey-dove  
 Or just a holiday romance?  
 Can this be long lost love at last  
 Or is it just a flash in the pan?  
  
 Then after cheese and liqueurs they struck up the band  
 I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ up my courage and I asked Lavinia to dance  
 That was the start of my holiday romance.  
 Just a holiday romance  
  
 We <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the foxtrot, samba and danced through the night  
 The last waltz came and we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ each other so tight.  
 That was the start of my holiday romance

It's just a holiday romance  
 A simple holiday romance  
 I wondered, should I take this chance?  
  
 We <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach  
 And we <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ our feet  
 And we watched all the swimmers  
 And the holiday treat felt complete  
 We drank lemonade,  
 And we <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the shade  
 I thought I must be on a winner  
 And I <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cool and discreet  
 For I knew that Lavinia  
 Was the shyest lady that I'd ever meet  
 And I knew that Lavinia  
 Would only be my lady for the week  
  
 It was just a holiday romance  
 A simple holiday romance  
 I wondered, should I take this chance?  
 Just a holiday romance  
  
 Can this be love  
 Can this be lovey-dove  
 Or just a holiday romance?  
  
 I tried to kiss her; she walked away  
 She said 'Better stop, my husband's  
 Coming to collect me today'  
 That was the end of my holiday  
 Sweet and innocent holiday  
 End of my holiday romance

- b Listen to the song and check your answers.
- c Read the lyrics. Find the words or phrases in the song that match the definitions.
- take a short holiday \_\_\_\_\_
  - be attracted to \_\_\_\_\_
  - walk in shallow water \_\_\_\_\_
  - deal with a situation calmly without showing what you're feeling \_\_\_\_\_
  - make yourself do sth even though you're afraid to do it \_\_\_\_\_
- d Do you think that the singer has a future with Lavinia? Why (not)?

#### GLOSSARY

a flash in the pan = a sudden success that lasts only a short time and is not likely to be repeated

#### SONG FACTS

*Holiday Romance* was a song by the British rock band The Kinks and it features on their 1975 album *Soap Opera*. Between 1964–1996, they released 25 studio albums and had three number 1 hits in the UK. The Kinks' music often focused on everyday subjects for working-class people in Britain and they became known for their poetic lyrics about subjects like fashion followers, poverty, and the environment.